

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1774

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tadayoshi INAMOTO, et al.) : Examiner: P. Schwartz
Appln. No.: 09/157,497) : Group Art Unit: 1774
Filed: September 21, 1998) :
For: RECORDING MEDIUM, IMAGE) :
FORMING PROCESS USING) :
THE SAME, AND PROCESS) :
FOR THE PREPARATION OF) : November 15, 2002
THE SAME) :

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION AND
REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY OF REJECTION

Sir:

Request for Withdrawal of Finality of Rejection

In the Office Action dated September 12, 2002, all claims currently under consideration (Claims 1-5) were finally rejected over Bilodeau alone or further in view of Katsutoshi et al. The Office Action was made final even though Bilodeau and Katsutoshi et al. were cited for the first time in the September 12, 2002 Office Action. Applicants disagree with the

Examiner's assertion that the June 26, 2002 Amendment necessitated the rejection based on Bilodeau or on Bilodeau and Katsutoshi et al. Applicants respectfully request that the finality of the September 12, 2002 Office Action be withdrawn and that this Amendment be treated as an Amendment in response to a non-final Office Action.

Amendment

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows. A marked-up version of this claim, showing the changes made thereto, is attached. All pending claims, including those that are not amended herein and those that have been withdrawn from consideration, are set forth for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. (Four Times Amended) A recording medium for ink-jet recording with an ink containing a pigment, provided

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